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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSER TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
PHILIPPINES AND JAPAN**

Note: The Agreement entered Into force, January 7, 1958.

Reference: This Agreement is also published in III DFA TS No. 2, p. 20.

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EXCELLENCY:

With reference to the recent trade talks, I have the honor to confirm that the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, having discussed through their respective representatives measures which might usefully be adopted with the object of developing trade and commerce between Japan and the Republic of the Philippines on a mutually advantageous basis within the framework of multilateral payments to which both governments have subscribed by international agreement, have agreed as follows:

1. (a) Each country shall follow the principle of non-discrimination with respect to import procedures and regulations, in that the same treatment shall be accorded the products of the other country as that given to similar products when imported under similar terms and conditions from any third country.

(b) Each country shall accord the products of the other country as favorable treatment as possible in conformity with the principle of non-discrimination with respect to customs duties as well as formalities connected therewith.

(c) The principle of non-discrimination shall not apply to treatment, benefits or advantages accorded by the Republic of the Philippines to articles of the United States of America as they relate to customs duties; and by Japan to the products of any area set forth in Article 3 of the Treaty of Peace with Japan signed at the City of San Francisco on September 8, 1951, so long as the situation set forth in the second sentence of the said article continues with respect to the administration, legislation and jurisdiction over such area.

(d) Both countries shall not be precluded from adopting measures of exchange restrictions which are permissible under the provisions of the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund.

2. Each country will do everything feasible to ensure compliance with the export-import controls, exchange controls and such other controls pertaining to international trade and payments as may be in force and effect from time to time in the areas under the jurisdiction of the other.